SUBJECTS.

Dewan's reply.—The Excise Commissioner reports that, with the recent reduction in the salt duty, there is no necessity for the opening of fish-curing yards. As a matter of fact, a fish-curing yard proposed in South Travancore had to be given up as the fishermen preferred to get their salt in the usual way. I think therefore that the member should begin with the fishermen and convince them of the necessity for a yard and, if they agree, Government will see what can be done. The Excise Commissioner thinks that a yard at Quilon is not necessary.

KOTTARAKARA TALUK.

Mr. D. Govinda Pillai had mentioned, in his memorandum of representations, the following subjects :—

116. *(a) Arrears of tax on puduvals.*

(b) Settlement grievances.

(c) Kottarakara Oottupura.

(d) Taluk management.

(*a*) realization of arrears of tax on puduval lands in the taluk;

(*b*) grievances regarding settlement;

(*c*) the Kottarakara Oottupura was useless;

(*d*) management of the taluk.

The member was absent. They were, however, read out.

Dewan's reply.—The questions are vague and do not admit of specific answers. The member is not in his place.

[NOTE.—The member appeared later on and said that he had nothing particular to urge.]

117. *Forest grievances.*

Mr. K. Sankara Pillai spoke of the hardship due to the reservation of forests and to the absence of provision for enabling the ryots to collect manure, to graze their cattle, &c.

Dewan's reply.—Government cannot allow ryots to interfere with reserved forests.

118. *Sub-registrar's office at Chadayamangalam.*

The same member represented the necessity for establishing a sub-registrar's office at Chadayamangalam.

Dewan's reply.—A scheme is now before Government for opening eight additional sub-registry offices, and Chadayamangalam is one of them. Probably, Chadayamangalam *may* get a registry office, but Government do not promise that one will be opened there.

The member also asked for—

119. *Road and bridge near Neduvomkavu.*

120. *Fencing Railway line.*

(1) a road and bridge near Neduvomkavu: and that

(2) the Railway line near Kottarakara be fenced on both sides, in view to prevent cattle crossing the line and being accidentally killed.

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SUBJECTS.

Dewan's reply.—(1) Government are unable to spend money upon repairing village roads or for bridging them, because there are a large number of places in the main roads which are unbridged and in disrepair. These latter have to be attended to and set right, before we take up village roads.

(2) Government are aware that there is no fencing on either side of the Railway line at present. The fencing to be effective must be a wire fencing, and this will mean further capital expenditure on the Railway and a consequent increase in the deficit. Government regret that they cannot do anything in the matter.

PATTANAPURAM TALUK.

121. *New roads in the taluk.*

Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai requested that the following roads be constructed:—

(*a*) from Kunnicode market to Kalayapuram.

(*b*) from Kunnicode to Pattanapuram.

(*c*) from Kunnicode market to Anchal market.

Dewan's reply.—Government quite see the hardships which the ryots now suffer. Two out of the three roads have been included in the D. P. W. programme; and the Chief Engineer says that they will be taken up as soon as funds permit. Government cannot make any promise in the matter. They, however, give the assurance that, the moment that funds become available, these roads will be given the earliest consideration.

122. *Pattazhi Devaswom funds.*

The member also spoke of the mismanagement of the Pattazhi Devaswom funds and requested that the funds be utilized to repair the temple, and that the money need not be spent in guarding the Pattazhi forests which were not yielding.

Dewan's reply.—The complaints made by the member about the management of the Desom will be communicated to the Division Peishkar for such action as he may consider necessary.

The member further requested—

123. *Removal of prohibition of owners from entering on their lands.*

(1) that the owners of lands within the forests to the east of the road from Anchal to Punalur be not prohibited from entering on their lands: and

124. *Opening an English School.*

(2) that an English school be started in the taluk.

Dewan's reply.—(1) In regard to lands within the forest boundaries, Government cannot do anything. But

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